

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Wilson Farm Tenant House Inventory Number: AA-912
Address: 858 Galesville Road City: Galesville Zip Code: 20765
County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Deale
Owner: Estate of Mary Wilson Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 572 Tax Map Number: 69 Tax Account ID Number: 09244000
Project: Moreland Property (910-002-030B) Agency: FCC
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The remains of this tenant house are located almost 900 feet northeast of the intersection of Muddy Creek Road and Galesville Road, and approximately 500 feet from Galesville Road. The site is wooded and overgrown, as is the access road. The house itself is in a ruinous condition. The walls have fallen in, and the roof has collapsed. The house was built circa 1910 on land owned by Henry Wilson, the first and largest African-American landowner in the region.¹ Mr. Wilson's own farmhouse stands approximately 850 feet to the southeast, but is not visible from this site. The tenant house was surveyed in 1986, at which time it was still standing and occupied. It was described then as a one-and-a-half story, two-bay wood-framed house. It was clad with white asbestos siding, and the side-gabled roof was sheathed with asphalt paper.

The tenant house at 858 Galesville Road does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, or C. The dwelling does have an historical association with Henry Wilson, a prominent local African-American landowner. However, due to its deteriorated condition, the integrity of the historic materials and workmanship have been severely compromised. Criterion D, information potential, was not evaluated for this study.

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Architectural Historians

¹ The historical information used for this Determination of Eligibility is taken from a Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) State Historic Sites Inventory Form for this property. Susan R. Wetherill, a volunteer, completed the inventory form in 1986 on behalf of MHT.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

4/10/03
Date

4/9/03
Date

Resource Sketch Map



stream

roadbed

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I.D. # AA-912 Name

858 Galesville Rd. Galesville
Wilson Tenant House Anne Arundel Cty.

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Wilson Tenant House
Galesville
Anne Arundel County
Deale, MD USGS Map

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UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

8 1/2°
151 MILS

0°59'
17 MILS

UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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FA-912

Wilson Tenant House

555 Baltimore Road

Anne Arundel County, Maryland
West P. O. Box 115

2/2003

MD SHPO

House east side

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AA-912

Wilson Tenant House

552 Galesville Road

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

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2/2003

MS SHPO

House near taking out west

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-#912

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILSON FARM TENANT HOUSE

and/or common Rachel Crowner House

2. Location

street & number 858 Galesville Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Galesville ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Estate of Mary Wilson

street & number c/o Calvin Snowden, 1330 Kennedy St., N.W., telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code D.C. 20011

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel Co. Registry of Deeds liber NHG 13

street & number folio 390;

city, town Annapolis, MD 41401 liber SH 6

state folio 154

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

Survey No. AA-912

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ ? unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wilson Farm Tenant House, built circa 1906-1915, is a 1½-story frame dwelling with two-bay facade, resting on corner piers. It is a side-gabled single pen (one-room) structure with a small one-story wing at rear. It is a modest example of vernacular folk architecture in the Tidewater region. (See p.85 of McAlester's Field Guide to American Houses for a "twin".)

The Wilson Farm Tenant House is sheathed in the same white asbestos siding as the Wilson Farmhouse, probably covering up original weatherboard siding. The small-paned 6 over 6 windows of the first floor are the same dimensions as those in the rear kitchen wing of the Farmhouse. In the upper half-story, 6-pane single sashes are partly obscured by the overhanging eave. The roof is covered with asphalt paper. A small cross gable porch roof protects the front door. The narrow stove chimney is interior at the NW gable end. There has never been plumbing or electricity in this house.

The interior of the Wilson Farm Tenant House was not surveyed.

8. Significance

Survey No. AA-912

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Henry Wilson acquired his 27½-acre farm in two parts: 2 acres in 1865 (NHG 13/390), and 25½ acres in 1871 (SH6/154). * The Tenant House does not appear on the 1906 USGS Map of the "Owensville Md. Quadrangle". Probably it was built sometime between 1906 and 1915, since oral history places it there "long before my time" according to neighbor Harriet Crowner Hull who was born in 1917.

Catherine Gross Galloway recalls living in the house as a child c.1928-30 with her grandmother Rebecca Holland who was renting the house from the Wilsons.

In 1933 Rachel Wilson, a granddaughter of Henry Wilson, moved into the house with her husband, James Crowner. Rachel lived there until her death c.1983. The house is currently occupied by tenants Charles Lee and family.

*Henry Wilson was the first and largest black landowner in Galesville.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-912

Interviewees: Alma Strong, Galesville, 867-2148.
Harriet Hull, Galesville, 798-1270
Catherine Gross Galloway, 846 Balt. Annapolis Blvd., Severna Pk, Md. 21146.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name DealeQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan R. Wetherill, Volunteer

organization AA/MHT

date March 1986

street & number P.O. Box 1573

telephone

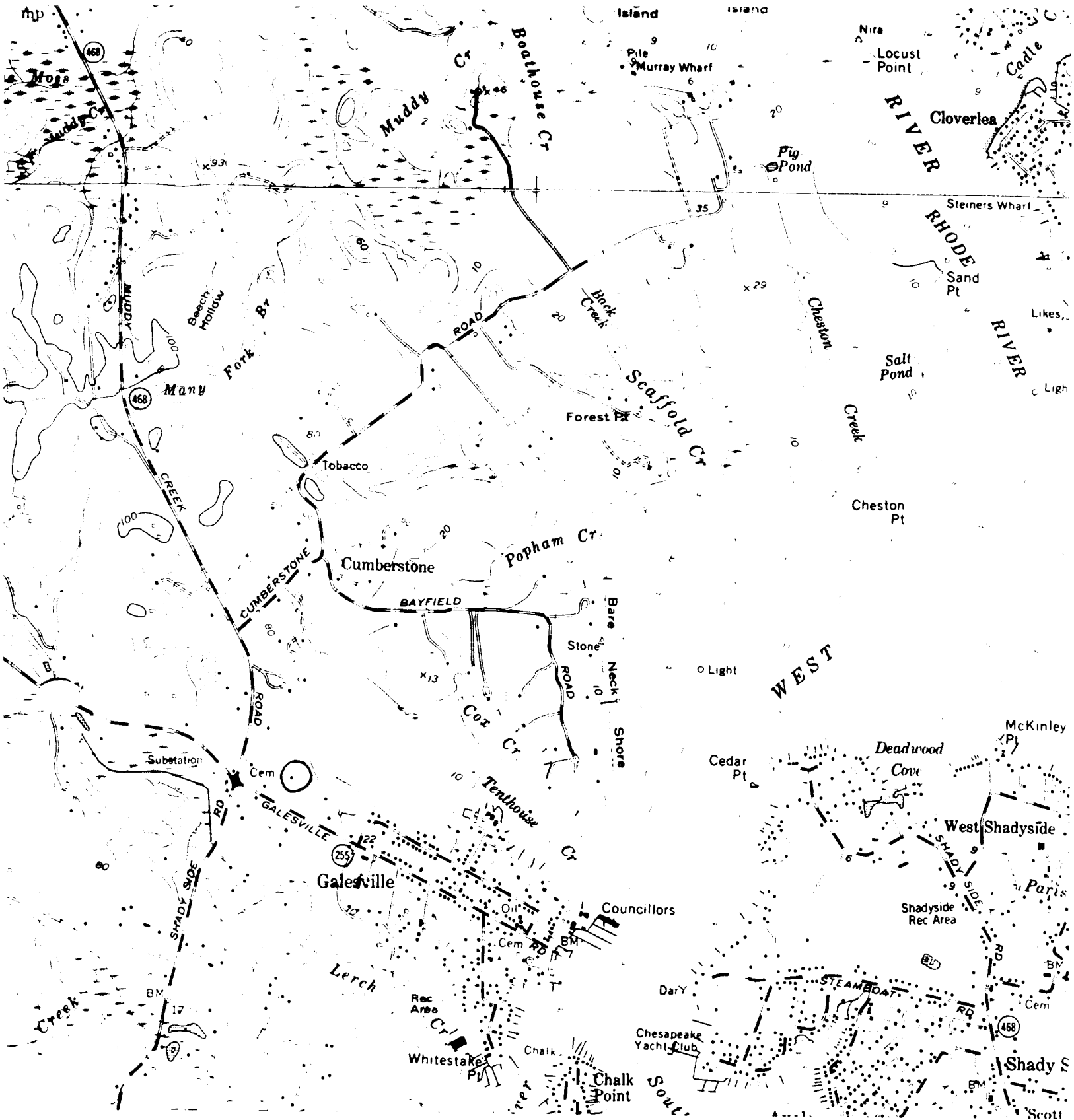
city or town Annapolis

state MD 21404

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1: 24,000
 1957; photorevised 1970

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 Wilson Farm Tenant House
 858 Galesville Rd.
 Galesville



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WILSON FARM TENANT HOUSE

~~ROLL # 2~~

~~FRAME 1~~

A.A. Co., MD

S. Wetherill, 1/85

SW elev., facade